



# Sunsmart

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## **Rationale:**

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection and protected from over exposure to the sun while at school.

## **Aims:**

To educate students in suitable sun protection strategies

To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

## **Implementation:**

This policy implemented in conjunction with the Student Dress Code and Uniform Policies

Children are required to wear one of the following School Council approved hats during Term 1 and Term 4 when outside:

Bottle Green broad brimmed hat with school logo

Bottle Green Legionnaire hat with school logo

Bottle Green baseball hat with school logo

- Staff will act as role models by also wearing appropriate hats when outside.
- Children without an approved hat will be restricted to play in designated shaded areas
- Children will be actively encouraged to wear broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen (SPF30+) Sunscreen applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days scheduled before 11:00 am
- Hot Day timetables for recess and lunch implemented at Principal discretion
- School Council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high-density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment
- Management will ensure that approved hats are available for purchase from the uniform shop

- School communication forums used to highlight and reinforce the Sunsmart Policy
- Sunsmart activities and sun protection form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.

### **Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the school's three-year review cycle.

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**Last ratified by School Council in March 2022**